

# ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



## Weekly newsletter 19 May 2023



*From Hilary...*

**'Thy Kingdom Come'** season is upon us - a worldwide initiative between Ascension and Pentecost. For some it is an opportunity to pray with renewed intensity that phrase from the Lord's Prayer 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven' - perhaps with some named individuals in mind. Maybe for others it might be a time to think why this doesn't appeal or feel helpful - maybe we don't think our prayers make a difference. When I feel that way, I remember that (to quote something of which I now can't find the origin) we pray not that God might be informed, but that we might be conformed, which brings me to the fact that I've missed two significant church calendar items.....

**Rogation** is a season kept particularly in rural areas. It is traditionally a time to 'beat the bounds' of the parish, identifying the boundaries, but it is also a season to pray for the seed time and in general for the growing of what will become the harvest of the natural world. So as we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come', we can pray for good seed to sow and the opportunity to sow it in both a physical and spiritual sense (and yes, I know, the crops in our fields have been sown months ago in many cases!).

**St. Matthias** - The other 'miss' is less obvious, but our Anglican lectionary places the day we remember St Matthias as 14th May, this year moved to 15th May so as not to be on a Sunday and displace Easter lectionary. Matthias is one of those many, mainly unnamed, disciples who followed Jesus throughout his life, death, and resurrection. We know about him, and another called Justus, because they were the two who were thought to be good enough replacements for Judas Iscariot. Matthias is chosen by casting lots after prayer. Not much is known about him and there are different stories as to his ministry and death, but when I remember him, I also remember Justus and thank God for the chosen and their ministry, but also those who don't quite make it into the 'top set' but still live godly lives of service.

**Scythe skills** - we are in the early stages of exploring the possibility of having a community scything team (trained by a specialist) which would be involved in conservation mowing in churchyards and public spaces in our area. Let Hilary or Alec know if you are interested.

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### St. Mary's Gamlingay - Churchyard Re-wilding

As I'm sure most will have noticed, the new grass cutting regime is in place and progressing well. To date Lindy has identified 38 different plants and flowers in the churchyard, excluding grasses and shrubs, how many can you count?

We have requested that a "Spring cut" is done at the end of May and this will be on the north side of the church building, including along the Church Street wall. This area will then continue to be mowed regularly until next March.

*Alec.*

## DATES FOR MAY AND JUNE

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May Easter 7 Sunday After Ascension**

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton  
2.30pm Baptism of Fleur Poxson at Gamlingay  
(Do come and welcome Fleur to the church family if you can)

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

2 – 4pm Memory Lane at the Eco Hub

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

8.00am BCP Communion at Hatley St George  
9.30am Festival Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Festival Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

**June** - Services at Hatley St George are under discussion - any views or requests please be in touch with Hilary or Sandra.

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday**

9.30am Family-friendly Eucharist (baptisms previously planned postponed)  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 1**

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 2**

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### **Saturday/Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June - Benefice Flower Festival Weekend**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June** Gamlingay Summer Fete - Church and Church Hall

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 3 and Flower Festival**

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### **Reminder to keep the date.....**

July 16th morning service at Gamlingay will include a celebration of marriage, as Hilary and Norman were married 40 years ago on that day. An invitation is extended to all our friends to a buffet lunch afterwards. NO PRESENTS PLEASE, although donations to the churches would be very welcome.

## ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**The new PCC** met with two apologies for absence and much to consider. Please continue to support these who are willing to work at Kingdom business in its Anglican form. There will be a resume of business to follow, in particular some encouraging news on finances - still in arrears, but in a much better place since Easter.

Well done to the Jelly Tots group who regularly meet in the Church Hall and recently held a Macmillan Coffee Morning at which they raised the sum of £85 for the charity.

**'Simple Lunch for Christian Aid**, (see picture) raised £90 for the charity, and brought together several generations. A huge 'Thank You' to Helen from Everton who came along to help alongside Jane O and Hilary, and greetings to Rob, Hannah and their two girls Sienna and Violet who also joined us.

**Memory Lane** – the next meeting will take place this coming Tuesday, 2-4pm in the Kingspan Room at the EcoHub. This time we will be planting up hanging baskets as well as enjoying the usual games (possibly outside) and refreshments.



## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

The second Everton Community Group Tuesday 'Coffee and Chat' session (10.30am - 12 at the Village Hall) is next week.



Also, a reminder of the Church Coffee Morning on 3rd June in the Village Hall from 10am - 12 noon. Contributions welcome for Cakes & Sweets, Jams, Preserves, Plants and Produce, Books, Childrens tombola, Raffle, Refreshments. There will be the setting up of tables in the village hall on Friday the 2nd June between 3 and 5pm. Help with doing this would be very much appreciated. Donations for the various stalls can be taken to the Village Hall during this time too. It would be helpful to know if you are able to help out on the day or on the Friday afternoon.

The planning meeting on Sunday afternoon brought some unhappiness into the light. We look forward to what may be a slow process of resolution perhaps, particularly appropriately, praying Thy Kingdom Come in this time.

The Parish Council has its AGM this week on Wednesday, Hilary is presenting the customary Church report.

*A reminder that if you are temporarily or permanently unable to attend church services and would like to receive communion in your own home, please let us know.*

*For Gamlingay and Hatley contact Hilary or Valerie.*

*For Everton contact Hilary.*

# Fundraising



The Gamlingay Fundraising Task Group continues working hard to arrange events to increase the funds needed for the year.

Next up is the **Flower Festival on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June** with the **Midsummer Fete on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June**. (See attached posters)

## Flower Festival:

- Please let Jane know if you want to do a display or pass a message to her via someone else. (janeorch@hotmail.com)

## Midsummer Fete – can you help?

- Contributions of filled jars needed for the tombola.
- Prizes needed for the raffle.
- Offers of cakes, etc., for the teas.
- If you know of a face painter or anyone who would like a stall, please contact Jane for details and availability.
- Help with setting up on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 4pm would be much appreciated. It takes a lot of people to erect at least one of the marquees.

Thank you in advance for any contributions and offers of help. Let's all pull together and make this an event to remember – for all the right reasons!

Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening to [Brenda.elcome@ymail.com](mailto:Brenda.elcome@ymail.com)

### Next week's Newsletter - please note:

For next week please send any articles for the newsletter to me in the usual way but I will be unable to process them until Friday morning. This means that by the time Ian has had a chance to finalise the layout it may not be ready for circulation until late on Friday or possibly Saturday morning, but you will get it!

Brenda

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